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(Above) Officer John "Santorum" of the Waveland Police Department was one of more than a dozen officers who spent Saturday shopping and lunching with the 68 children who participated in Shop With A Cop. This is the fourth and largest year for the program. Helper Jenny Varnell is also pictured. (Left) Shop With A Cop organizer Sgt. Brent Anderson of the Waveland Police Department helps his "children for the day" at the annual shopping spree at the Waveland Kmart Saturday. The department raised enough funds for 68 children to go shopping.

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Favre remembered by many

**BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer**

When Irvin E. Favre, 58, died of a massive heart attack on Sunday his family, friends, and indeed the whole county lost a beloved member of the community.

On Monday, the family watched as son Brett led the Green Bay Packers to a 41-7 win over the Raiders in Oakland, California. Brett's tribute game to his father, the man who had taught him to give his all to the game. They all knew it was what Irvin would have wanted them to do.

To many, Irvin will be remembered as the father of football great Brett Favre, the quarterback who put Kiln, Mississippi on the map and brought visitors from around the world to see the sleepy little town where Brett grew up.

To his wife of 38 years Bonita, Irvin will be remembered as a wonderful husband. To his children Brett, Scott, Jeff and Brandi he will be remembered as a loving father,

who lived and breathed for football and his family.

And to others he was a beloved brother, friend, fishing buddy, coach, and as one acquaintance remembered him, an all around good guy, loved by many, always ready to do a good turn for others.

Still others will remember him from the family's restaurant, Favre's on the

Bayou, from where he broadcast a weekly sports radio show on WTMJ on Monday evenings.

Two weeks ago, at his last radio broadcast from Curley's Pub in Greenbay, Wisconsin a tradition after one of Brett's games, it was almost as if he had a premonition of what was

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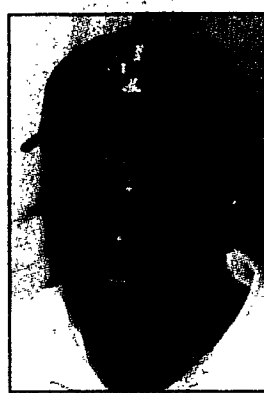


Hundreds of mourners wait to pay their respects to Irvin Favre outside of St. Paul's Catholic Church in Pass Christian on Christmas Eve morning. Favre died on Sunday of a massive heart attack. He coached at Hancock County Schools for more than 22 years, but was perhaps best known for being the father of quarterback Brett Favre.

Maurice resigns from Bay Fire Department

**BY ELLIS C.
CUEVAS
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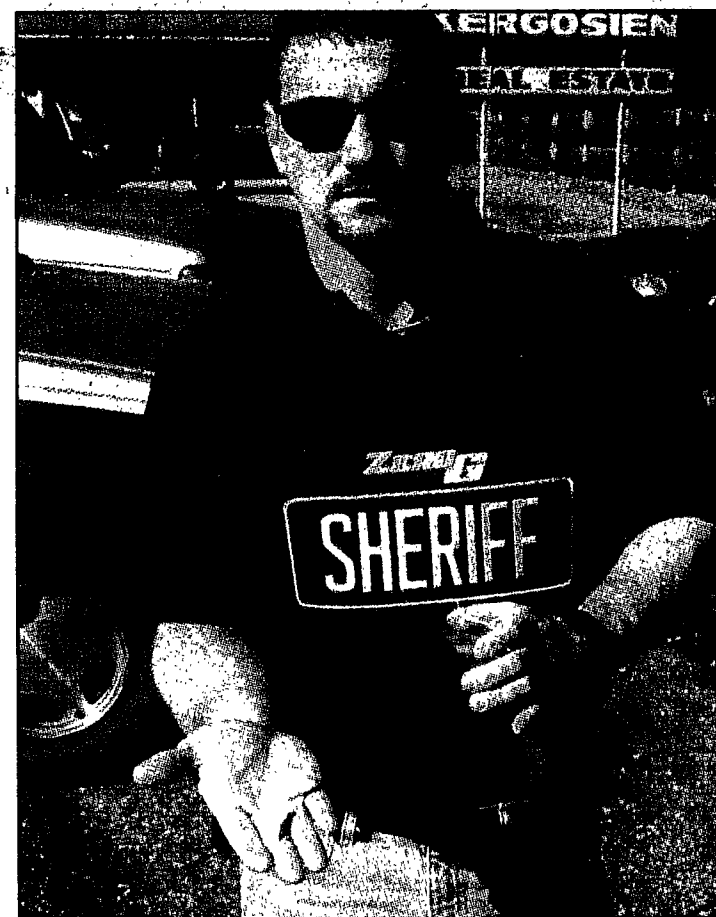
Bay St. Louis Fire Department's Deputy Fire Chief Gary Maurice resigned from the department Tuesday, December 16, stating personal health as a reason, according to Mayor Eddie Favre.



"We also learned of pending federal drug charges against Maurice. This came as a real shocker, an absolute heart breaker. We have not been able to get all of the information on the matter, as the charges are federal," said Maurice.

MAURICE--6A

Busted near Bay bridge



Echo photos by publisher Randy Ponder
Agent Johnny Alison (top) displays crack cocaine purchased from two suspects with an estimated value of \$850. "Our Narcotics Division has been receiving information about persons from Harrison County and the Slidell area coming to the county to sell drugs," Hancock Sheriff's Narcotics Division Chief Major Matt Karl, said Monday. "One of our undercover officer's over the weekend was approached by a subject at a local highway business offering to sell crack cocaine. Several more contacts were made and two suspects were arrested Monday afternoon and charged with sale of a controlled substance." Arthur D. Keyes, 22, 4004 Nassau St., and Lynell Keyes, 22, 2207, 23rd St., both of Gulfport, were arrested near the Bay St. Louis bridge Monday and charged with the alleged sale of a controlled substance. Bonds were set at \$7,500 each, and both were booked at the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility. Alison is in charge of the case.

Angel drawing means great deal for military family

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

An angel watches over Main Street from her perch in the front window of Serenity Gallery.

This unique drawing of an angelic being holding a rose is prominently displayed for all to see; however, she is not for sale.

Al Brignac searched his hometown of Bay St. Louis to find a gallery to display this work by his wife, who is currently serving in Iraq. Everyone, he said, referred him to Serenity.

"He had been looking for somewhere to display his wife's work," said Jerry Dixon, owner of the gallery. "It means a lot to her, and it means a lot to him."

Dixon said he decided to display Leigh Anne Stimler-Brignac's work because "it was Christmas and her drawing deserved to be shown."

"I'm overwhelmed that he would go out of his way to display Leigh Anne's drawing,"



Echo staff photo by Shannon Jenkins
Al Brignac, of Bay St. Louis, stands beside his wife's drawing, which is currently on display at Serenity Gallery.

Al said.

Al, a former Marine now serving as a specialist with the 155th Infantry of the National Guard, said his wife had wanted her drawing in a gallery for a long time.

Leigh, an Army specialist

with the A Co. 890th Engineering Battalion, drew the angel around September 2002, and Al had it framed a few months after she left for Iraq in February of this year.

After he sent a picture of the framed artwork to his wife, Al

said someone Leigh is working with in Iraq offered her \$500 for the drawing. She refused.

During her previous marriage, Leigh enrolled at Jeff Davis and eventually took a drawing class.

"My grandfather's voice echoed in the back of my mind, 'Shouldn't waste the gift God gave you,'" Leigh said in an e-mail from Iraq.

She said she was going through a difficult time when she heard CeCe Winans' "Alabaster Box" and "He's not on his knees yet" on the radio.

Leigh kept the inspiration she found that day and used it later in her drawing.

"Still moved from my experience earlier, I began drawing my angel," she said. "She is an actual headstone in a graveyard in Louisiana, I believe, but with my daughter's features."

Al, who married Leigh in October 2002, said the drawing and the songs help his wife when things in Iraq are

bad or when she misses her family.

"Ironically, I was enjoying the very songs that inspired my drawing only 10 minutes prior to an I.E.D. attack on our convoy this past Saturday," Leigh said. "We were surrounded by hostile locals. We could have all lost our lives that day. Somehow, we came out unscathed. I cannot question the outcome though, (but) only thankfully look up for the answer."

Al said Leigh may come home between mid-January and June. Until then, he communicates with her as often as possible.

In case he misses her call, Al leaves a new message for Leigh on his answering machine every day. He said he and their children — Sherrell (12), Ashleigh (9) and John (8) — cannot wait for Leigh to return home.

The one thing he said he would like to be quoted as saying is, "I love you Leigh Anne."

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Blue lights recognize fallen officers



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Blue lights adorn the fence and gazebo across from the Chapel Hill community at the corner of Beach Boulevard and Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis in honor of police officers who have died in the line of duty. Chet LeBlanc and his wife, Charlotte, stand in front of the entrance to Robble Beach, which was named in honor of LeBlanc's nephew, Robert Smith, in 2000. Smith was a trooper in Florida who was killed by a drunk driver in 1997. The blue lights serve as another way to remember Smith. "We're remembering Robert, but the whole thing is dedicated to all police officers who've fallen in the line of duty," said LeBlanc, designer and builder of Chapel Hill. The blue lights, which symbolize peace and show the support of America's peacekeepers, are part of "Project Blue Light," a promotion of Concerns of Police Survivors Inc.

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Christmas Traditions

CLAIRE HAUN, WAVELAND
"Every year, I give my children and grandchildren a Christmas ornament. It's either hand-made or it's personalized. This year, my grandson began preschool, and I sent him an ornament with the name of his preschool printed on it. Also, each family unit does an anonymous



TIFFANY LADNER, BAY ST. LOUIS
"My boyfriend and I have gotten an ornament with the year on it every Christmas since we have been together. This year we got an angel ornament."



DON BLAIZE, WAVELAND
"My mom and I compete each year to see who has the prettiest tree. My tree currently has 2,600 lights, and I usually win because I think artificial trees are easier to decorate. My mom always gets a live tree."



SALLY BAKER, DIAMONDHEAD
"We make eggnog on Christmas morning. It was a tradition passed on by my grandfather. It always put everyone in a really good mood. We also have coconut cake. A tradition I started with my children is an old Victorian tradition. I would hide a pickle ornament on the tree and whoever found it would get a special gift. We would also make cookies and take them to elderly neighbors and shut-ins."

PAM MARSHALL, DIAMONDHEAD
"I always gave my kids new pajamas on Christmas Eve so they would have decent pajamas for pictures on Christmas day. Now, they're 30 and 33 and they still open their Joe Boxers on Christmas Eve."



JENI WARD, LAKESHORE
"Every year my sister and I would buy each other's children the nicest toys we could find. This year, I bought my nephews two different toys because they're very competitive. My sister asked me to buy them the same toy so they wouldn't fight."

Local stolen property recovered in Gulfport

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County Investigators recovered a large number of electronic items Monday from a Gulfport residence, with assistance from the Gulfport Police Department, according to Chief Investigator Kenny Hurt.

The items recovered included VCRs, TV sets, microwave oven and other household items.

Some have already been identified by local victims, according to Investigators Andre Fizer and Tom Roan.

Hurt said, "We have had a rash of recent burglaries, over 900 items have been reported stolen, and owners had only 98 serial numbers, or identification markings to help in recovery."

"Many of burglaries are happening in broad daylight, and items stolen are swapped for drugs, or sold

to pawn shops. It helps investigators when residents have the serial numbers of household items, or if there is none, they need to make some identification markings," Hurt added.

Investigators information led to the securing of a search warrant for the Gulfport residence, where some of the items were recovered.

No arrests were made Monday, as prior arrests had been made in the burglaries, investigators said, adding, "We will be making more arrests in the very near future."

Hurt said, "Every year there are a rash of burglaries during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays seasons, not only in our county, but across the nation."

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department has been working with St. Tammany Parish, Pearl River and Harrison County law enforcement agencies as a team, to

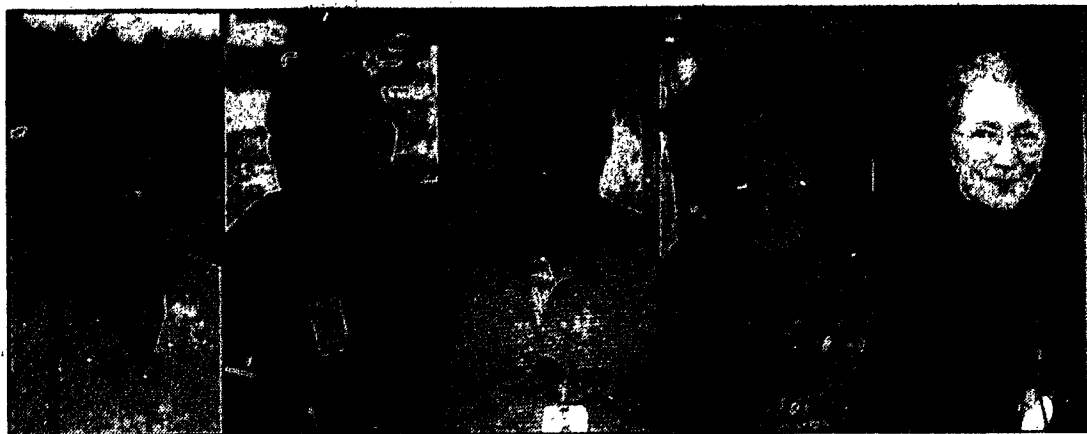
help solve several of the burglaries. Hurt reported, "Two suspects were arrested last Thursday by the sheriff's department in connection with several burglaries, and a large number of items recovered."

Investigator Matt Barnett, also assisted Hurt, Roan and Fizer in Monday's trip to Gulfport.

"Residents need to be alert for suspicious vehicles and persons in their area. If possible they need to get color, make and license tag numbers of vehicles," Hurt said.

"Any and all information will be kept in confidence. Our department is working around the clock and any information can be helpful," Hurt added.

Anyone with information on a burglary in their area, or see suspicious persons, or vehicles in their neighborhoods, are asked to contact the sheriff's department at 228-467-5101, or 601-798-8555.



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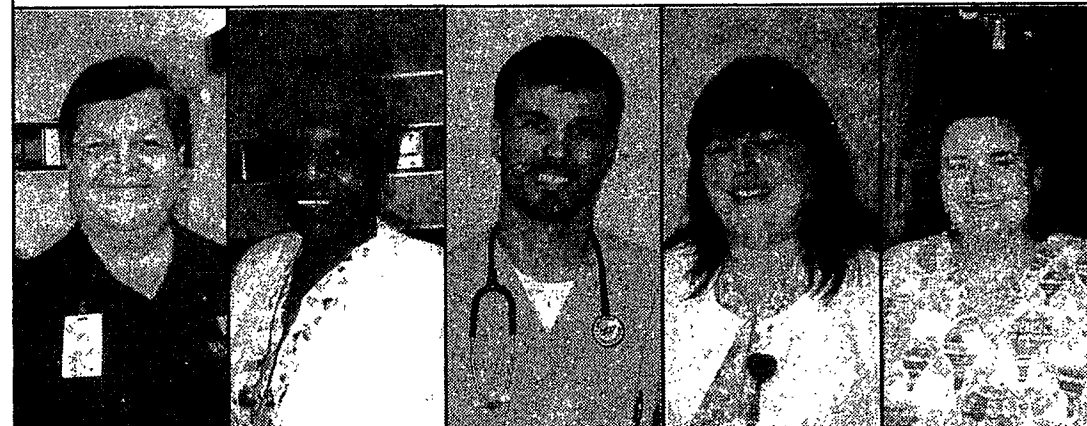
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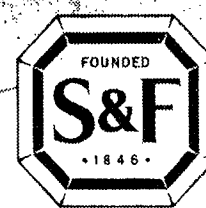
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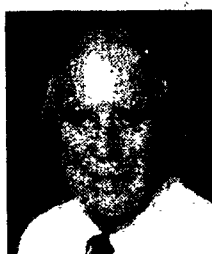
by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Peace & Love
AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Where do we go from here?

Where do we go from here? That was the cry of many Mississippi Democrats after Republicans made new gains into state officialdom in the Nov. 4 elections.

Realizing they are an endangered political species, several state level elected Democratic officials are setting out to hold a summit of top party figures in early 2004 to map a survival strategy for the Mississippi party.



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

The longest-serving Democratic officeholder, who begins his eighth four-year term in January, is taking the lead to get the state Democratic Party to redefine itself and even realign its relationship to the national party.

"Right now, I'm not sure that we can elect another Democrat to statewide office," Dale declared. After picking up three statewide offices in the 2003 elections, Republicans hold four of the state constitutional offices. Dale adds: "And if (Atty. Gen.) Mike Moore had not

gone to bat to elect Democrat Jim Hood as his successor, the Republicans probably would have won another."

What Dale has in mind is to bring together leading Democratic public officials, including senior legislators, soon after the first of January in a brain-storming session to preserve the state party as a viable political entity that can appeal to centrist voters.

"We've got to do what we can to bring the national party back to the center as well as do a better job of convincing moderate working class Mississippians that the State Democratic Party represents their views," Dale said.

He's enlisted a strong ally in fellow Democrat Dolores (Bo) Robinson, the Northern District Public Service Commissioner to give his plan more legs.

"I've also talked to some senior legislative Democrats, including incoming House Speaker Billy McCoy as well as state Democratic chairman Rickey Cole," Dale said.

"This is not a George Dale show," he said, adding: "I'm just the activator of this idea... and I'm hoping to bring together other Democrats who share my views that we must do something to preserve the party of Jefferson and

MINOR-5A

It was sad news to hear about the sudden death of Irvin Favre on Sunday evening.

Irvin was known as the football coach who took Hancock North Central, (Hancock High) from an unknown in football circles, to a top contender.

This was done at a school where basketball was King. Early on at Hancock North Central, more money was spent on the basketball program than football.

Of course there was a reason for this too, as when the high schools of Sellers, Dedeaux and Kiln combined to form Hancock North Central, the Hawks basketball team was the best and most feared in the State of Mississippi.

In high school football circles, there are not too many coaches who remain at their position for 22 years, as Irvin did.

Many of Hancock's players under Irvin's guidance went on to college on football scholarships.

He was very proud of all of his players accomplishments, especially his son Brett, who is a top National League quarterback.

Irvin's presence will be missed in Hancock County.

To his wife, Bonita, sons, daughter, grandchil-

dren, relatives and so many friends, Irvin will be remembered for years to come.

A community service discussed, talked about, forgotten about, reviewed again and again, for decades is becoming a reality in Hancock County.

The community service is a Boys & Girls Club.

There are many of have contributed, but the major factor has been Charles (Chuck) Benvenuti, who took up the challenge, got others to join in, and the local branch of the Boys & Girls Club will begin operation on January 6, 2004.

It will provide after school and summer care for children from kindergarten to age 18 years.

The unit will be housed at Second Street Elementary School, and now provide care for children after school from 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Initially there will be 100 slots open. About half of the spots will be reserved to lower income households. Most of the slots have been filled, to try for a spot, or be placed on a waiting list, call 467-6850.

Very good work Chuck, congratulations to you and everyone else involved.



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IN CONGRESS

By Representative
Gene Taylor

2003: Another busy year

The passing of 2003 marks the close of another busy year for America and South Mississippi.

The continued War on Terror and legislation that sparked national debate filled our conversations and created a national consciousness determined to do what is best for America.

The issues that faced us in 2003 were of great concern for many.

The moral values and patriotism of the residents of the 4th Congressional District of Mississippi are always an inspiration for me and I am proud to be their voice in the U.S. House of Representatives.

As in previous years since 9/11, the country was primarily occupied with the War on Terror. Our attention moved from Afghanistan to Iraq where U.S. troops were fighting to liberate a people who had been brutalized and terrorized for 30 years under the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein.

The U.S. military has once again proven itself to be the greatest in the world. The skill and speed these young men and women have shown is a testament to the outstanding training they receive.

Now, they have captured Saddam Hussein, assuring the Iraqi people that their

tormentor will be brought to justice.

Since many troops cannot be home for the holidays, I will bring a taste of home to them. I am bringing 550 pounds of shrimp to Iraq to cook for the troops before Christmas.

I know there are many in South Mississippi who have loved-ones fighting in Iraq. Although it may not ease the pain of their absence this Christmas season, their sacrifice is greatly appreciated by the people of Iraq and the United States.

South Mississippi has always been supportive of Americans serving overseas and I hope to send that message of support this

Christmas.

We were fortunate to have two Congressional Medal of Honor winners from South Mississippi receive special recognition this year.

The USNS Lance Cpl. Roy M. Wheat was commissioned this year in Jacksonville, Fla. This new class of ships will bear the name of the Jones County native who sacrificed his life for two other marines by throwing his body on a landmine in Vietnam.

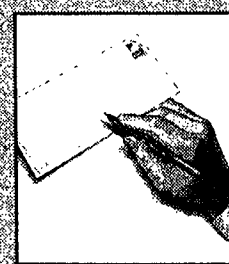
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Commiskey received his Congressional Medal of Honor for his heroism on the outskirts of Seoul, Korea.

The Hattiesburg native spearheaded a charge into heavy fire to take Hill 85. Armed with only a pistol he ran ahead of his men and killed seven enemy soldiers in fierce hand-to-hand combat. It is a privilege to honor these great men and the sacrifice they made for the freedom of our country and the world.

Legislation in Congress created quite a response in South Mississippi and around the country. I was proud to support the Federal Marriage Amendment and express my belief, and the belief of many in the 4th District, that the sacred bond of marriage is meant for a man and a woman. We helped to preserve the quiet of one's own home through the passage of the National Do Not Call List. I am in favor of eliminating all unsolicited calls from any

organization. The bill does not go that far, but it does stop a majority of the phone calls that previously had unfettered access to the privacy of American homes.

Health care for seniors is among the more recent issues that was addressed in Congress. Seniors wanted affordable prescription drugs. What they got was inflated bureaucracy, \$400 billion in debt, and a marginal benefit at best. The concerns of seniors were used as a guise to fatten the wallets of wealthy drug and insurance companies, while letting the seniors and future Americans pay the bill.

The year 2003 marked another year of fiscal irresponsibility. Our nation is currently \$7 trillion in debt and that number is projected to reach \$14 trillion in ten years. Today, each American is \$23,704 in debt due to the trend of deficit spending that started 24 years ago. Since May 2001,

the President and his Congress have added \$1.3 trillion to the debt.

In fiscal year 2003, they spent \$218 billion that was supposed to be saved for future Social Security, Medicare, military retirement, and federal employees retirement benefits, and borrowed \$374 billion on top of that.

Bush and his Congress have cut taxes, increased spending, cut taxes again, increased spending again, cut taxes again, and increased spending again.

The total operating deficit for fiscal year 2003 was \$592 billion. Much of this recent debt is owed to foreign nations like Japan and Communist China who have been purchasing Treasury securities.

The nation's debt can only be paid through tax revenue. That means the longer we ignore this problem, the more the debt will grow and the higher taxes will have to be to pay it

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down.

It was a privilege to serve the people of South Mississippi in 2003 and I look forward to the challenges of 2004.

I will continue to be an advocate for fiscal responsibility, veterans concerns, and our national defense and I welcome input from my constituents on issues as they arise throughout the year. My staff and I estimate that each year we receive over 100,000 letters, e-mails, faxes, and phone calls about issues involving Congress and federal agencies. We will continue to help the citizens of South Mississippi with any problems they have with the federal government and to listen to your concerns about the important issues facing our nation.

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Mississippi.

Dale is openly critical of the trend in the National Democratic Party away from the cultural and moral values of Middle America and even goes so far as advocating that the state party "disassociate from the national party until they move to the thinking of the majority."

But the veteran public official, who was a teacher and principal at Moss Point High School before becoming an aide to Gov. Bill Waller in the early 1970s, makes clear he's not advocating a Dixiecrat-style break with the national party.

"I believe it (the Democratic Party) still best represents the essential belief that our country was founded upon—the freedom and dignity of all of us, living as individuals in a free society," he said.

The Mississippi insurance commissioner said he shares the views expressed in a book by Georgia Democratic Sen. Zell Miller entitled "A National Party No More" which castigates

the national party for essentially telling the South to "go to hell."

Dale said the Democratic Party will never rebuild its base in the South unless it focuses on such issues as fiscal integrity, respect for law and order, patriotism, national defense and personal responsibility.

Moderate-conservative mainstream Democrats can still be elected in the South, Dale says. He points to Louisiana's veteran Democratic Sen. John Breaux as a prime example.

However, with Breaux having just announced plans to retire from the U.S. Senate, Dale wondered: "Can a Democrat can be elected to succeed him, or any other of the four Southern Democratic senators who are stepping down?"

Breaux, though considered a "blue dog Democrat" in the U.S. Senate who sometimes helps the Bush Administration pass major legislation, came back to his home state last fall to mobilize the Democratic Party

base.

His efforts, along with his Democratic colleague, Sen. Mary Landrieu played a significant part in electing Democrat Kathleen Blanco as Louisiana's governor over a favored Republican candidate.

By comparison, Dale pointed out, Mississippi's Republican Gov.-elect Haley Barbour benefitted from bringing down several prominent national Republican figures, while out-going Democratic Gov. Ronnie Musgrove could call on no national level Democrat to campaign for him.

Dale said he has no personal choice at this stage among the nine Democrats now pursuing the 2004 Democratic presidential nomination.

But he did say: "While Howard Dean's statement that Democrats must reach out to Eguys with Confederate flags in their pickup trucks, touched all he wrong buttons, it brought to the surface the problem the party must confront."

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Both the Republican Party, and to a lesser extent, the Democratic Party, he added, have failed in the crucial area of reaching across racial lines to unite people of different color on common ground.

Until they do, Dale said, "they will keep racial divisions going that have held Mississippi back for so many years."

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TOPS MS 233

TOPS, MS 233 met Tuesday, Dec. 23, at the Waveland Methodist Church located on Central Avenue and Vacation Lane in Waveland.

TOPS best loser for the week was Beverly. Youth best loser for the week was Stephen.

TOPS MS 233 meet every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-in is from 5-6 pm with the meeting following.

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W'land cops shop with local children

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Does shopping with 68 children early on a Saturday morning sound like your idea of fun? Probably not, but for several Waveland police officers it was the event they had been planning for months.

The Shop With A Cop program saw its fourth and most successful year this past Saturday at the Waveland Kmart and went off smoothly without so much as a skinned knee.

Though children did fill up baskets and then change their minds many times before checking out, officers said. And decisions didn't just involve what to get for themselves. Many children picked out treasures for parents, grandparents, and other family members.

Sgt. Brent Anderson headed up the organization of the event and fundraising efforts which enabled each child to spend up to \$50 on a Christmas shopping spree.

Funds were raised from the profits from a golf tournament last month at the Oaks, and from private and business donations from all over the county, said Anderson,

who sent his thanks to everyone who helped make the day a success.

The golf tournament was such a success, Anderson said, that next year's fundraiser is already planned for Friday, November 19, 2004 at the Oaks. Anderson said the department's goal for next year is 100 children.

The program started out four years ago with about ten children, a handful of officers, and donations mainly from the officers own pockets. This year saw at least a dozen officers participation, along with Aldermen Rickey Geoffrey, Santo Saucier, and Brian Schmidt, and also officers wives and friends helping the kids shop.

The children shopped at Kmart (the store made a donation and offered a discount on the shopping spree); and then they enjoyed lunch courtesy of the Holiday Inn., where they were joined by Mayor Tommy Longo.

Anderson, who organizes the event each year said he is enjoys giving children the chance to enjoy Christmas a little more.

"It was by far the best year yet," he said. "And I'll start again in July or August to get ready for next year."

Police prepare for holidays

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

Although Bay St. Louis and Waveland have had no DUI-related deaths in the last few years, the police departments continue to stock up on officers during the holiday season.

A Waveland Police Department official said shifts with extra officers began at Thanksgiving this year and will continue through New Year's Day.

There are four full-time officers on 12-hour shifts at night; the representative said, with usually two extra part-time officers per shift during the holidays.

For the Bay St. Louis Police Department, Assistant Chief Dave Stepro said there are 16 eight-hour shifts with extra officers during peak times throughout the holiday season. He

said extra patrols began on Dec. 19 and will run through New Year's Day. Most of the shifts with extra officers, he said, revolve around Dec. 26, New Year's Eve and weekends in general.

"Our guys will be pretty mobile, and they'll be checking everything," Stepro said. "We do this because of the increased traffic and potential of accidents during the party season."

According to police records, there were six DUI-related accidents involving injuries with no fatalities in 2001. There was one DUI-related fatality in 2000; however, there was no way to verify whether this occurred during the holiday season.

"For us to have DUI-related fatalities is pretty unreal," he said. "We're lucky."

Stepro said the police department receives federal funding each year from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) because the city is a member of the Safe Community program.

Money from NHTSA, he said, is funneled through the Mississippi Division of Public Safety and Planning.

For the fiscal year of October 2003 through September 2004, the department has been awarded \$20,000.

The majority of that money is used to pay for overtime, cones, traffic vests and barricades, Stepro said. Some of that money also goes to purchase new equipment.

As part of a match for the grant, he said the police department conducts safety programs for schools, seniors and other groups.

Maurice

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been so involved in city, community and youth activities, always volunteering with just about all the happenings in the city," Favre added.

Favre indicated he had just gotten word of the matter, as something apparently happened about a year ago, and Maurice was scheduled on December 17, 2003, to have the matter settled in Federal Court.

"Everything had been on the Q.T. (hush-hush)

and now I understand the drug matter in federal court is to take place in either February, or March 2004," Favre said.

Maurice is a 23-year veteran with the Bay St. Louis Fire Department, working through the ranks up to Deputy Fire Chief.

One of Maurice's important community activities included, being the director of the Annual Hancock County Doll and Toy Fund, which provides toys to deserving boys and girls.

Favre

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"His last words when signing off were, 'that's it, I'm signing off. I'm going out in style,'" said son Jeff.

Favre's career spanned three decades and included 22 years as coach of the Hancock North Central High School Hawks. He led the Hawks through many winning seasons and their first 10 win season in school history in 1977.

He also took the team to the state playoffs in 1988 and, on to win division in 1989, both for the first time in school history. He resigned from Hancock in 1994, but not before the team beat traditional rivals D'Iberville for his last win as coach. He coached all of

his sons while at the school.

After leaving high school coaching, Favre coached the Mississippi Fire dogs to two National Indoor Football League championships. He also spent many years as a baseball coach for the Gulfport American Legion and Connie Mack programs, going back to his roots as baseball coach for the St. John High School baseball team in the early years.

Visitation and services were held yesterday, Christmas Eve, at St Paul's Catholic Church in Pass Christian with internment following at Live Oak Cemetery.



Family portrait, the Favre family: Pictured are Brett, Jeff Bonita, Irvin, Brandi and Scott.

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Relay for Life committee attends training

Members of the 2004 Hancock County Relay for Life Team, The American Cancer Society's Signature fundraising event, recently attended an event training seminar held in Philadelphia, Miss. those in attendance were Melanie Mitchell, Tere Carlin, Debbie Downey, Sandra Garber, Lynn Cheramie, Janie Pierson and David Mayley. The event was held Dec. 4-5.

The Relay for Life is an all night fundraiser and Hancock County's event will be held Saturday, May 22nd at the H.C. walking track. If you would like to participate or enter a team, call Linda Graffeo at 228-467-4530, Melanie Mitchell at 228-467-5486 or David Mayley at 228-463-0819.



School clubs

The Hancock Middle School Beta Club, SADD Club, and WHMS News Team recently joined forces to sponsor a toy drive to collect new items for donation to less fortunate children at an elementary school in the Hancock School District. Pictured are club representatives showcasing the 100 plus toys such as dolls, games, cars and etc. that were collected during the drive.



Appreciated

Nine year old Ashley Calcote is a veteran when it come to giving. It is something she loves to do. For three years now she has been giving toys and more to the children of Hope Haven Shelter in Waveland. Ashley's Christmas donations have had a total value of over \$3,000 over the years. This year she donated about \$600 worth of toys and gift cards to the shelter. Ashley raises the money for her donations by saving her weekly allowance and by donating the gifts from her birthday party in October. This year she also held two fundraisers. She has been featured in Girls Life Magazine and People. Ashley says it is easy to figure out why she does what she does. "It makes me feel wonderful, great, and awesome inside," she says. "Because I know that I am doing something good for other kids." On Monday she was presented with a certificate of appreciation from shelter director Terry Latham as she delivered the gifts. (Echo photo by Bennie Shallbetter)

Prenatal classes offered at HMC

Expectant parents and their guests are invited to attend a free series of childbirth classes sponsored by Hancock Medical Center.

Preparation for the birthing experience, including anesthesia options and stages of labor, will be the focus of classes January 8, 15 and 22 from 7:30 until 9 p.m. in the HMC Business and Education Complex.

Further instruction focuses on nutrition, physical changes during pregnancy and preparation for breastfeeding. Breathing

relaxation techniques and alternatives for labor management are also taught. The classes culminate with a segment on infant care.

Materials pertaining to the topics are distributed at each class. These classes will repeat March 4, 11 and 18.

Breastfeeding instruction and support is offered for new mothers who plan to breastfeed. The next classes will be Thursday, December 29 and March 25.

Registration is required by calling 467-9282.

Recycle Christmas trees

The Harrison County Beautification Commission once again encourages residents to recycle their live Christmas tree to save landfill space and create mulch for county landscaping.

Christmas trees can be dropped off for recycling at 11 locations throughout the county between December 26 and January 6. All decorations and tinsel must be removed from the trees before dropping them off at the west parking lot of the Pass Christian Harbor on Highway 90.

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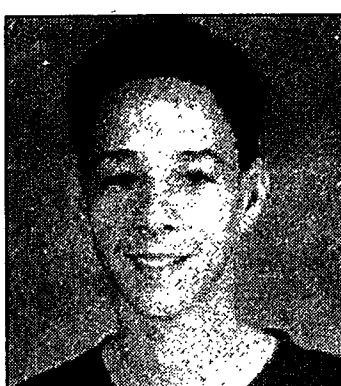
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Dozier selected

Richard "Keegan" Dozier has been selected for the National Honor Roll for a second year in a row. He is one of five percent of our nation's high school students featured in the Who's Who Among American High School Students 2001 through 2003. He was selected to participate in the Presidential Classroom in Washington, DC, and he, as well as his younger brother Cameron were selected to participate abroad in the People to People Student Ambassador Program. Dozier is from Saucier and attends Harrison Central High School as a Junior. His grandparents and great-grandparents are from Hancock County. Great-grandfather is Harold Finnan of Bay St. Louis, great-grandmother is Mattie Garcia of Clermont Harbor, local grandparents are Sheryl Colson of Clermont Harbor and Claude Garcia of Pearllington.



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VIOLET BAREMAN
Violet V. Bareman, 85, of Pass Christian died Dec. 20, 2003, in Pass Christian. Services were held, Tuesday, Dec. 23, at Riemann Funeral Home in Long Beach.

JOHN BELL
John Arthur Bell, 69, of Biloxi died Friday, Dec. 19, 2003, in Gulfport.

Mr. Bell was a native of Florence, Ariz., and a Coast resident for 21 years. He was a master painter, a master gardener, and was well known for his custom fishing rods and his fishing expertise.

Mr. Bell was preceded in death by his father, John B. Bell; a brother, Jessie Wright; and a grandchild. Survivors include his

wife, Peggy Ullman Bell, of Biloxi; his mother, Daisy Wright, of Keller, Texas; a daughter, Vanessa Kathleen Bell, of Pass Christian; five sons, Walter Ray Hock of Kerrville, Texas; Paul Arthur Bell of Lexington, Tenn.; John Allen Bell of Pass Christian; W. Randall Bell of Kenosha, WI; and Daniel Mark Bell, Pensacola, Fla.; a brother, James Wright of Houston, Texas; a sister, Florence Roth of Keller, Texas; and 12 grandchildren.

Family and friends gathered at his residence Tuesday, Dec. 23.

Riemann Memorial Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

IRVIN FAVRE

Irvin E. Favre, 58, of Fenton died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, in Kiln. He was born Jan. 5, 1945, in Gulfport. He was a resident of Fenton for 38 years. He was a graduate of Gulfport High School in 1963 and let-

tering in football and baseball.

He attended Perkinson Jr. College where he played football and baseball and attended the University of Southern Mississippi where he played baseball lettering in 1966 and 1967 for the Golden Eagles.

He began his teaching and coaching career at Long Beach in 1967 under the late Lewis McKissack. In 1969 through 1971, he coached at St. John High School where his baseball team won its only State Championship in 1970.

From there, he went to Hancock North Central under Terrell Randolph and became the head coach in 1972 having built a very successful program for 24 years. He coached all three of his sons as quarterbacks.

He was also a successful baseball coach for many years with the Gulfport American Legion and Connie Mack programs. He returned to coaching with the Mississippi Fire Dogs indoor football team, winning two National Indoor League Championships.

He also was a member of the MS Band of Choctaw Indians.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Mary Favre.

He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Bonita French Favre of Fenton; three sons, Scott and daughter-in-law Morgan of Diamondhead, Brett and daughter-in-law Deanna of Green Bay, Wis., and Sumrall, Jeff and daughter-in-law Rhonda of Nixa, Mo.; and one daughter, Brandi of Nixa, Mo.

He is also survived by six grandchildren, Brittany, 14; Breleigh, 4; Dylan, 11; Jade, 5; Jaxson, 1; and Max, 2; two brothers, Gerald J. Favre and wife, Fannie, of Gulfport and Alvin R. Favre of Fenton; two sisters, Janet Peterson and husband, Kenny, of Long Beach and Karen "Kay Kay" of Fenton; his mother-in-law, Izella G. French of Fenton; nephews, Neal Favre, David Peterson and Jace Bourgeois; nieces, Jan Currie and Danielle Bourgeois; great nieces, Tristan Nations and Faith Peterson and great nephew Blake Nations.

Visitation was held Wednesday, Dec. 24, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Pass Christian. A Mass of Christian burial followed with Father John Ford officiating at St. Paul's Catholic Church.

Interment followed in Live Oak Cemetery in Pass Christian. The family prefers donations to Catholic Church of Delisle

Building Fund, 25220 St. Stephen Road, Pass Christian, MS. 39571.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

HAROLD KOPF

Harold G. Kopf, 83, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2003, after a brief illness at the Veterans Administration Nursing Home in Oxford. Services were Tuesday, Dec. 23, 2003, at the Pate-Jones Funeral Home in Senatobia followed by a graveside service at the Crockett Cemetery west of Senatobia, the burial site of several generations of family members.

Mr. Kopf was a member of the Senatobia Church of Christ and a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. He was a retired officer of the Mississippi State Department of Fish and Wildlife and had previously served as deputy sheriff of Tate County. All of Mr. Kopf's 83 years were spent in the Crockett community where he continued to operate a small cattle farm until his death.

He was a widower of Annie Mae Wooten Kopf, to whom he was married 46 years until her death in 1986.

Survivors include a daughter, Petrencia Ann Williams of Senatobia, and two sons, James Harold Kopf of Jackson and David Roland Kopf of Kiln; a sister, Christine Ogle of Senatobia; three brothers, Preston Kopf of Oxford, Earl Kopf of Crockett and Marvin "Pete" Kopf of Coldwater; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

CLYDE LAROCQUE

Clyde Alton LaRocque, 55, of Bay St. Louis died December 20, 2003, in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native of San Diego, Calif. and a resident of Bay St. Louis, MS. He was of the Catholic Faith. He was a Veteran serving in the U.S. Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph B. and Marjorie Collins LaRocque.

He is survived by daughters; Angela Farthing of Waveland, MS, Jennifer Kirkland of Bay St. Louis, MS, and Carolyn Prendergast of Waveland, MS; step-son, Stephen LaRocque of Kiln, MS; brothers, Glen LaRocque of Pine Valley, CA, and Sonny LaRocque of Tacoma, WA. Also survived by 7 grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Saturday, December 27, 2003 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Memorial services will follow at 1:00 p.m.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

BERNICE SCHMIDT

Bernice V. Schmidt, 72, of Pass Christian died Dec. 22, 2003. Visitation will be held from 6 to 10 p.m. on Sun., Dec. 28, at Riemann F.H. in Long Beach. Mass will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday,

Dec. 29, at Our Lady of Lourdes CC. Burial will be in DeLisle Cemetery.

DONALD SIMPSON

Donald Buford Simpson, 64, of Rocky Creek died Monday, Dec. 22, 2003, at USA Medical Center in Mobile, Ala. He was born on July 4, 1939, in Leake County, Thomastown, Miss.,

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Mrs. Simpson and family will receive friends for visitation from 4 until 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 26, 2003, at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home in Pascagoula. A memorial service will follow the visitation at 7 p.m. in the chapel.

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And that we miss you so.

Your weary hours and days of pain,
Your troubled nights are past;
And in our aching hearts we know
You have found sweet rest at last.

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Sabrina, Vickie, Bobby II
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To: Patsy, Sammy, Lucy,
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To my family and friends
please be thankful today I'm
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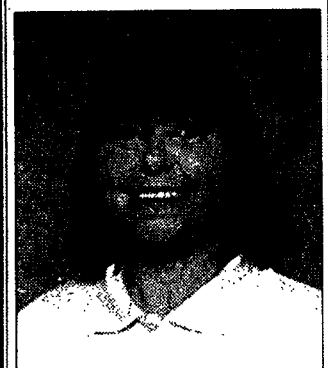
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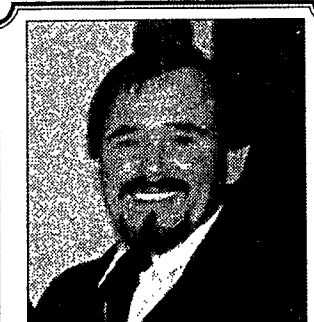
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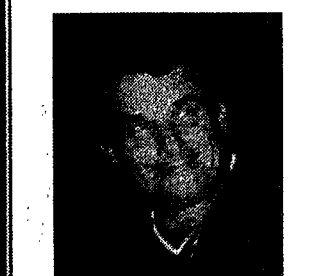
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Business News

"Smart" polymers developed at USM could maximize oil well production

Work underway with "smart" polymers by a research group at the University of Southern Mississippi could help the country lessen its dependence on foreign oil by squeezing more from its current wells.

Novel technologies developed by Southern Miss professor Dr. Charles McCormick, assistant professor Dr. Andrew Lowe and their students will be used to recover hard-to-reach oil deep below the earth's surface.

Funded by a \$1.3 million grant from the Department of Energy, the research team is preparing "smart" polymers that can be injected into oil reservoirs to push entrapped petroleum to production wells.

"These smart polymers have built in sensors that respond to reservoir conditions, like temperature and salinity, and are thereby capable of mobilizing oil," McCormick said. These environmentally safe polymers are of strategic importance to the U.S. government's effort to reduce dependence on Middle Eastern oil.

According to Department of Energy estimates, more than 350 billion barrels of oil remain in domestic reserves, enough to meet the nation's needs; however, advanced technologies like the "smart" polymer must be used to affordably produce this petroleum.

"The U.S. now depends on foreign sources for more than 50 percent of its petroleum needs," McCormick said.

"With escalating violence in the Middle East and the demands for environmental stewardship, we must explore new technologies for domestic production of fuel and feedstocks."

Made from biodegradable amino acids, the "smart" polymers are flooded into wells, where they release oil entrapped in the porous reservoir rock.

The freed oil is then swept along through channels in the formation to the production wells.

"This research project is another outstanding example of the world-class research going on at The University of Southern Mississippi College of Science and Technology," said COST Dean Dr. Rex Gandy. "These outstanding chemists and polymer scientists are to be commended for their efforts in this sci-

entifically challenging and socially relevant research area."

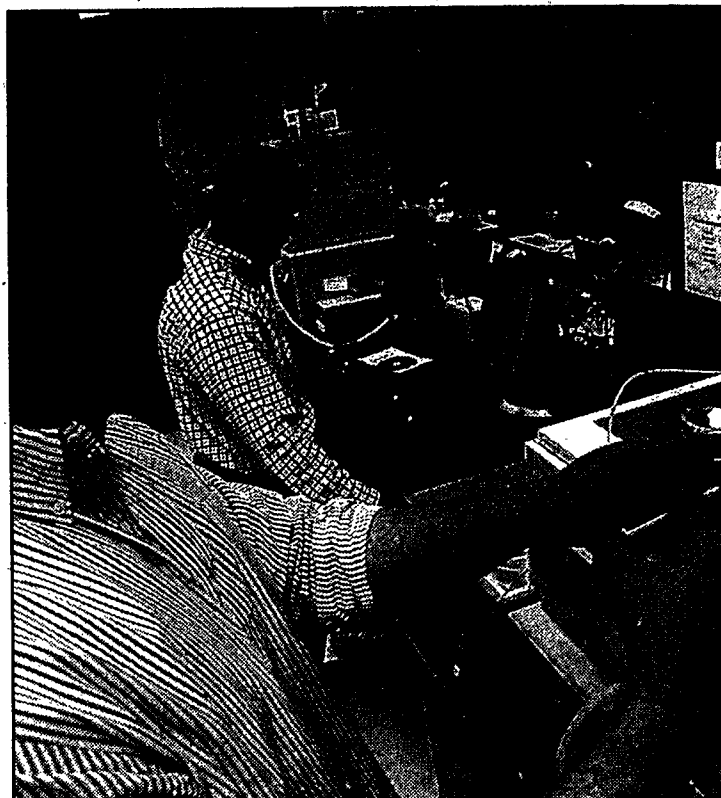
One of the project's researchers, Dr. Neil Ayers, a postdoctoral student from the University of Warwick in England, called the new environmentally friendly polymers "cutting-edge chemistry, very exciting."

"When I went looking around for different chemistry programs to do my postdoctoral work, I was attracted to Southern Miss and Dr. McCormick because of the reputation of the university and of his research group," Ayers said.

While "smart" polymers are proving useful in oil recovery, they have many other benefits. Brad Lokitz, a second-year graduate student from Ocean Springs working with the McCormick research group, said "smart" polymers could "revolutionize medicine."

"They are being used in new ways to deliver time-released drugs inside the body," Lokitz said. "They are also helpful in waste-water remediation."

Southern Miss continues to serve as a major center for fossil fuel research for the Department of Energy. McCormick and his colleague Dr. Roger Hester have received more than \$12 million in research funds from the DOE and the Department of Defense for



"Smart" polymers

Southern Miss graduate students Ryan Ezell of Summit, left, and Brad Lokitz of Ocean Springs work with "smart" polymers as part of a research project sponsored by the Department of Energy to maximize oil well production.

developing smart water-soluble polymers.

Dr. Angeline Dvorak, vice-president for research and economic development, said the research efforts of Dr. McCormick and his team "clearly demonstrate the capacity and commitment of The University of

Southern Mississippi to address societal needs and real world problems."

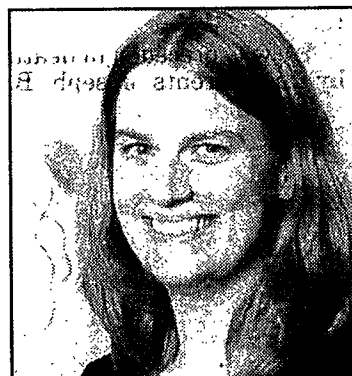
"Innovation is our business," Dvorak said. "This pioneering technology is about making the world a better place, while creating new knowledge for the next generation."

Magic names Team Member of the Year

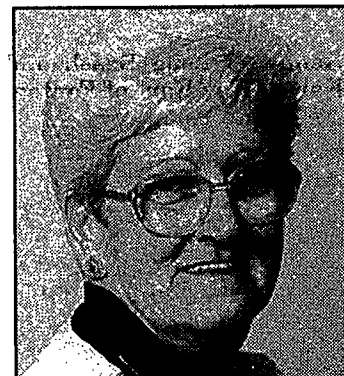
Jennifer Granger of Long Beach and Betty Sawatzki of Bay St. Louis were named "Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Supervisor and Team Member of the Year" at the casino's annual Team Member Extravaganza on December 8th. Granger and Sawatzki were awarded an all-expense paid vacation to their choice of exciting destinations by President and COO John Jagunich.

Supervisor of the Year, Jennifer Granger, is the Call Center Manager and is responsible for a staff of nine and oversees the booking of all room and RV reservations and events. In addition, Granger monitors hotel rates to remain competitive, tracks guest play, maintains web listings and creates hotel packages.

"I was absolutely stunned," remembers Granger. "I didn't even hear my last name, I just sat there looking at my fiancé, while he was yelling and jumping and trying to congratulate me. I was truly not expecting it and feel



JENNIFER GRANGER



BETTY SAWATZKI

very blessed to have received this honor."

The honor comes with a big decision - where to vacation? The honorees have the choice of visiting Disney World, Cancun, or taking a seven-day Caribbean cruise!

"Right now we're thinking of either the Cruise or Cancun," says Granger. "I don't know if this will be our honeymoon, since we'll probably want to take the trip before then!"

Other 2003 Supervisor of the Year nominees included: Jimmie Kay Bourgeois, Lisa Clifton, Delores Elizondo, David Hilbert, Cindy Hood, Chris La Fontaine, Scott Marsh, Stephen Morrison, Jason Segreti, Michael Skoros and Germaine Whitworth.

Team Member of the Year, Betty Sawatzki has been with Casino Magic for nine years and is the Lead Laundry Attendant for the casino's two hotels and five restaurants. She is responsible for coordinating the cleaning, drying and pressing of all the property's

linens.

"I'm still on cloud nine," says Sawatzki. "I'm extremely excited, very honored and have a lot of people to thank." For Sawatzki, the decision on which well-earned vacation to take was very easy. "We're taking the Cruise! I've never been before and am looking forward to something new and exciting!"

Other 2003 nominees included: Diane Bech, Tracy Bennett, Catrina Davis, Amanda Dupuy, Joanne Ford, Loretta Friend, Lisa Grant, Christy Helms, Chris Karem, Julie Keith, Marion Labat, Margaret Lockwood, Troy Meachum, Patricia Powell, Terence Sbis, Stacey Sheppard, James Stenklyft, Jackie Tallo, Kathy Tarver, Richard Welborn, Venus Williams and Geneva Wischmann.

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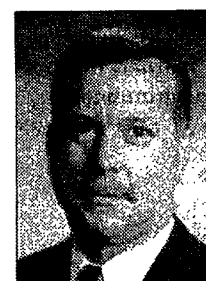


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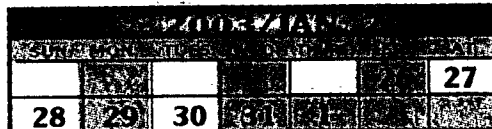
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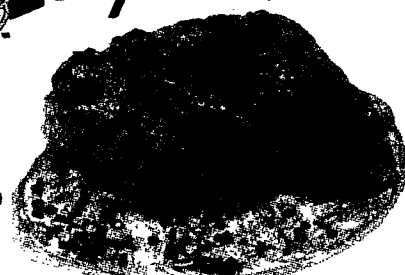
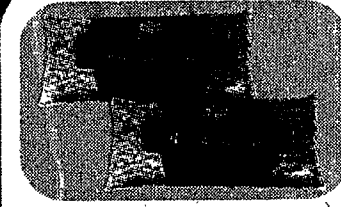
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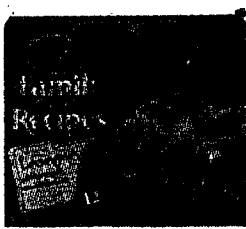
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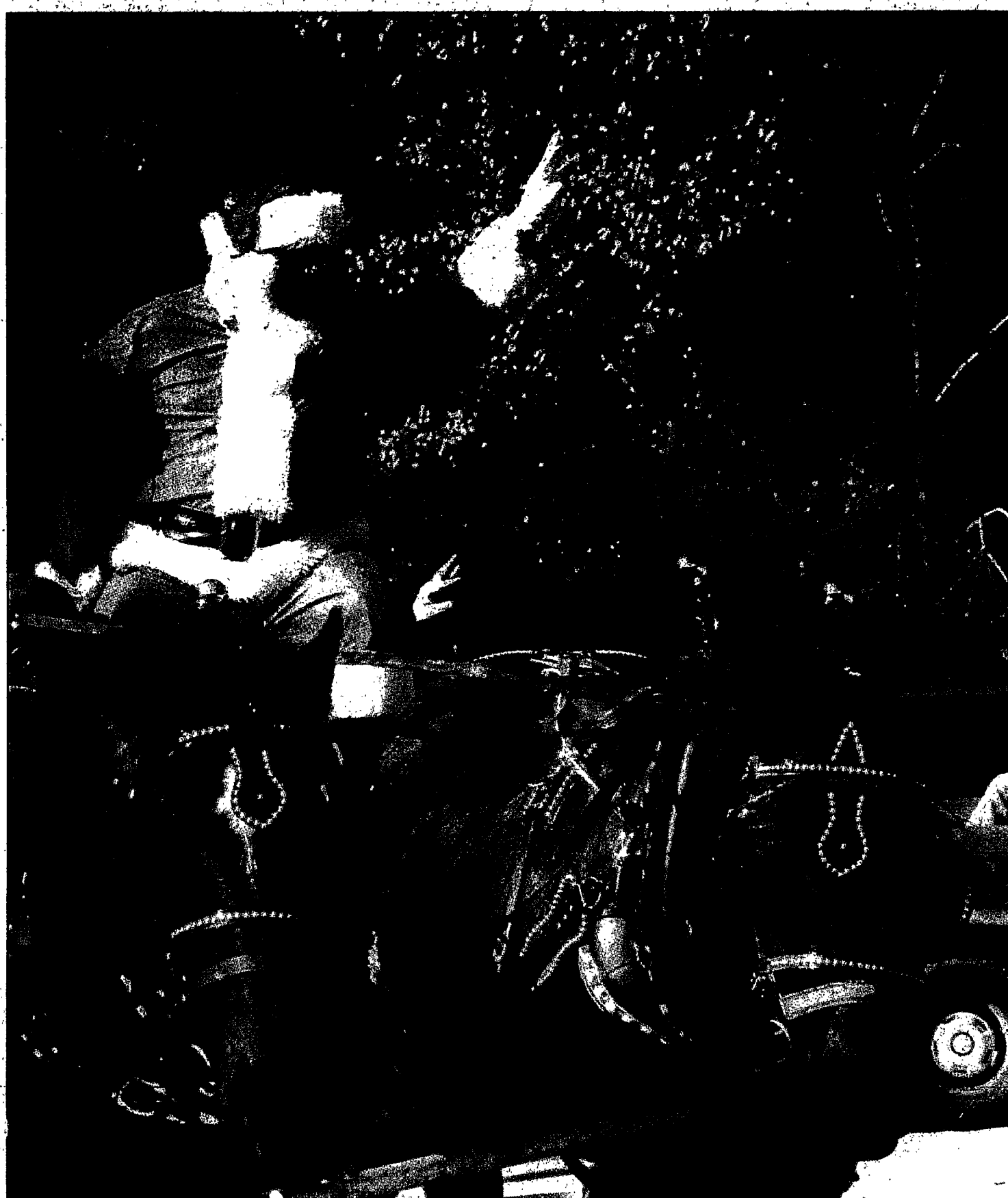
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Christmas in the KILN

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If you have never been to the horse and buggy Christmas parade in Kiln, then you have missed a real Christmas tradition, Mississippi country style.

On Sunday, scores of people turned out for the annual children's parade and party sponsored by the Kiln branch of the VFW.

Horses pranced, proud of their holiday decorations, and buggies rolled, bringing Santa and the Christmas spirit to the country.

And of course, riders had their own party along the way, visiting with the friends and neighbors lined up to see them. The parade held up traffic briefly on Highway 603 as it crossed on its merry way.



The Sea Coast Echo

Sports

Tigers sweep Christmas Classic

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The Bay High Tigers swept their annual Christmas Classic for the first time in many years. The Lady Tigers withstood a hard-nosed Hancock Lady Hawks team claiming a 54-49 victory.

In the boys title game, the Tigers were matched up with the Maroon Tide of Picayune for the third time this season. The Tigers had defeated Picayune twice already this season. To beat a team three times in one year is quite a feat, and the Tigers did, in overtime, 60-53.

Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett stated, "Hancock is the best team around. This is a huge win for us. Our defense was key for us in this game. We did not shoot well and that is due partly to Hancock's defense. They are a big team and play intense. We did just enough on offense to win the game. It is important for us to get our defense involved."

The Lady Tigers (13-3) jumped out to an early 7-2 lead but a 9-0 run put the Lady Tigers down 19-13 at the end of the first period. The two teams put on a defensive battle in the second quarter as Bay High held a slight 28-26 lead with :05 left in the half. Hancock's Ashley Boehnel nailed a three-pointer at the buzzer to give Hancock (9-3)

the 29-28 advantage at half-time.

The third period was much of the same as both teams played intense defense and limited the opponent's shot selection. Hancock enjoyed a 40-39 advantage heading into the final frame.

Consecutive baskets to open the fourth period by Bay High put the Lady Tigers up 44-40; however, Brooke Nicaise scored five points on a 7-2 run that put the Lady Hawks back in charge.

Bay High's Tamara Reed sank a three-pointer with 1:36 left in the game to tie the score at 49-49. On the ensuing trip down the court, Kendra Reed's defensive play against Nicaise altered a shot that would have put Hancock on top. The play triggered a 5-for-7 performance at the line for the Lady Tigers and sealed the win for Bay High.

Hancock head coach Pam Slayton commented, "This was a good defensive game by both teams. Offensively, we did not get in a groove. We had some mental lapses and played inconsistent on offense down the stretch. We have to work on taking care of the basketball and making better decisions on the court."

Kendra Reed and Destiny Porter earned All-Tournament from Bay High while Ashley Boehnel was tabbed from Hancock.

In the boys game, it was tight contest the entire way. Bay High led 18-11 after the first period; however, Picayune trimmed that lead down by halftime. The Maroon Tide trailed 26-24 at halftime.

The Tigers maintained a 37-34 lead after three periods. Picayune took a 40-37 lead after consecutive three-pointers to open the final period.

Lorenzo Lewis nailed a three-pointer with :40 left to play in regulation to tie the game at 48-48 and send the contest into overtime.

In the extra frame, Bay High outscored Picayune 12-7 for the win. Joseph Sims came alive for Bay High going 5-for-6 at the line to spark the Tigers.

Bay High head coach Alan Lumpkin stated, "This is a big win for our program. We knew it would be a battle and we demanded intense defense. Lorenzo Lewis was hot in the tournament. Charles Nichols has stepped up his game and Joseph Sims came up big for us tonight."

Lorenzo Lewis scored 22 points followed by Marquez Singleton with 19 points. Javon Williams and Joseph Sims scored 11 and 10 points, respectively.

Charles Nichols and Lewis were chosen All-Tournament from Bay High while Brandon Browne earned All-Tournament from Picayune.

On Monday, December 22, the Lady Hawks defeated Northshore of Slidell 55-21. The Lady Hawks held a 19-8 lead at halftime before cruising to the win. Ashley Boehnel scored 14 points followed by Brooke Nicaise's 13 and Erica Moran's 10 points.

The Lady Tigers advanced to the championship game with a 44-41 overtime win over the Lady Maroon Tide of Picayune. Kendra Reed led the charge for Bay High with 19 points and Destiny Porter added 12 points.

In boys action on December 22, the Tigers defeated St. John 76-43. Lorenzo Lewis led all scorers with 27 points followed by Marquez Singleton and Joseph Sims with 13 each.

Picayune reached the boys title game with a 59-29 thrashing of Northshore of Slidell. Radale Brumfield scored 11 points to lead the Maroon Tide.

The girls consolation game between Picayune and D'Iberville was claimed by Picayune with a 50-46 decision. Dedra Magee and Toi Jones each scored 15 points while Ashley Bell added 13 points.

The boys consolation game was won by St. John with a 61-54 decision over Northshore. Jason Caswell led St. John with 22 points followed by Kevin Enroth with 19 points.

Lewis named to Region 23 first team

Eleven members of Pearl River Community College's state championship football team have earned post-season honors by the NJCAA and MACJC for the 2003

season. Defensive back-wide receiver Larry Kendrick of Davenport, Fla., tops the list. The sophomore transfer from the University of

Florida was the first Wildcat player in history to be named the NJCAA's "Defensive Player of the Year," while also copping the MACJC-Region 23 "Most Valuable Player" two weeks ago.

Kendrick, a 6-foot, 210-pound two-way player who prepped under now-PRCC head coach Tim Hatten at Haines City High School, also earned offensive and defensive spots on the All-State and All-Region teams. He was named to the first team as a wide receiver and the second team as a defensive back.

Kendrick led the state and nation in picking off 9 passes from his defensive back position, while his 86 points (14 touchdowns, 1 two-point conversion) was tops on the team and in the league. In addition, his 688 receiving yards (32 receptions) was second on the team and in the state, while he led the MACJC in punt returns, averaging 16.7 yards per return on 12 attempts.

Other Wildcats joining Kendrick on the All-MACJC first team include quarterback Anthony Johnson of Duncan, S.C.; running back Curtis Hayes of Hattiesburg High, wide receiver Larry Brackins of Dothan, Ala.; offensive guard Marcus Lampton of Columbia High, punter Trey Lunsford of Picayune High, and defensive tackle Oren Lewis of Hancock County. Johnson led the Wildcat offense to one of its most prolific seasons ever, amassing 4,053 total yards, 10th best in the nation.

Individually, his 2,341 passing yards was fifth-best nationally, thanks in part to Brackins and Kendrick to finished the year with 772 and 688 receiving yards, respectively, for the season. Brackins, who caught nine TD passing during the season, led the MACJC in receiving yardage.

Hayes finished the season with a team-best 813 rushing yards and seven touchdowns.

Soccer update

In recent high school soccer action, the D'Iberville Warriors defeated the Pass Christian Pirates 5-4 on December 19. Jonathan Willis scored all four goals for the Pirates in the loss.

The Lady Warriors shutout the Lady Pirates 8-0.

The St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws recorded a 7-0 win over Vancleave on December 19. Austin ladner scored twice for the Rocks while Sean Olsen recorded the shutout in goal. Andrew Parker-Smith, Patrick Donohoe, Kody Cannon, marc Belizaire, and Adam Hubbard all scored once in the win.

The OLA Crescents had three wins in recent action

to improve to 13-2 overall on the season. OLA defeated North Forrest 11-0 with Meghan Flynt recording the hat trick for OLA. Rachel Cranford scored twice while Laura Ellis, Amanda Meyers, Lauren Forte, Whitney Stewart, Lindsay Benvenutti, and Cassie Schaffer all scored for OLA. The Crescents tallied a 2-1 win over Destrahan of Louisiana as Cranford and Ellis each scored.

Finally, the Crescents added a 3-0 win over Byrd of Shreveport to their record. Cranford, Flynt and Margaret Rittiner all scored in the game. Amelia Simpson tallied the shutout in goal.

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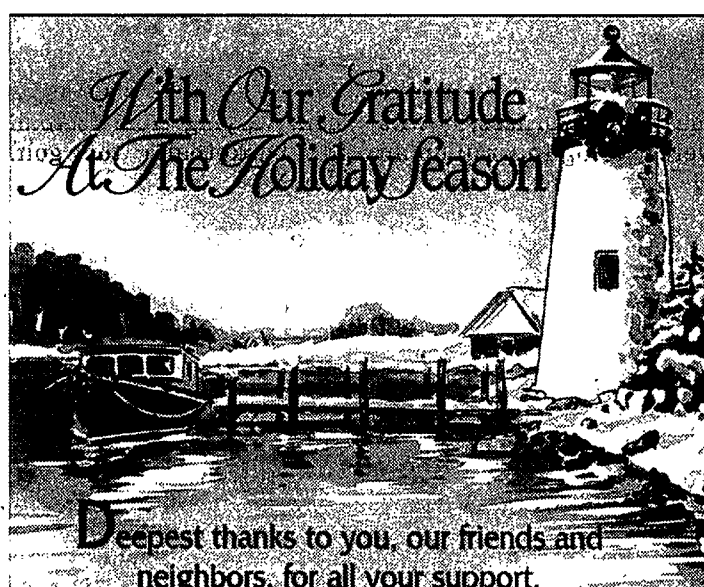
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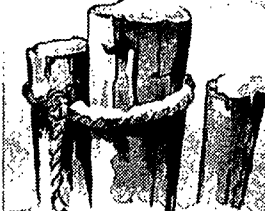
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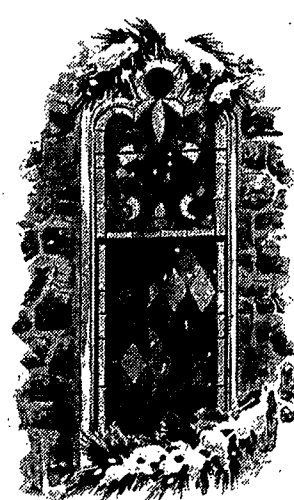
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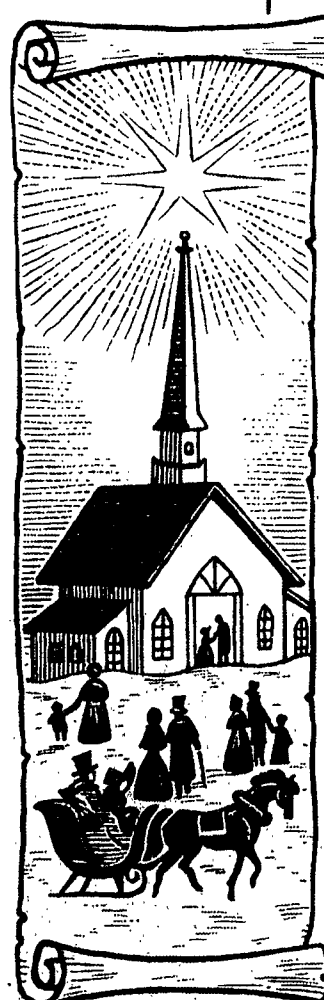


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SSC hosts 7th annual War on the Shore

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

The 2003 version of War on the Shore lived up to the tradition of being a great day of basketball at the Brother Peter Memorial Gymnasium on Saturday, December 20.

SSC head coach Jay Ladner said, "The War on the Shore was a tremendous success and showcased outstanding basketball talent for the fans. Several teams on display here today will be gunning for opportunities for state playoff berths. Plans are already underway for next year's event."

The day started with a early morning junior varsity game between Harrison Central and St. Stanislaus. The Rocks were defeated 45-43 on a last second shot.

The Red Rebels variety team outlasted the Ascension Catholic Bulldogs 64-50. Jerome Thompson led a trio of Red Rebels' in double digits with 16 points. Brian Martin added 12 points and Deondra Jones scored 10. Brandon Perkins scored 21 points for the Bulldogs.

The Lafayette County Commodores nipped the Quitman Panthers 47-46 after being behind 26-19 at halftime. Prince Trotter led all scorers for Quitman with 24 points while Zach Britten led the Commodores with 19 points.

In the only girls game played during the day, the Lady Tigers of Bay High upended the Lady Tigers of Hattiesburg 53-32. Destiny Porter scored 21 points fol-

lowed by Felicia Thomas with 13. Bay High led at halftime 30-17. Brittany Blackston scored 10 points for Hattiesburg.

In perhaps the best game of the night, Hattiesburg narrowly defeated the Tigers of Bay High 59-52. Marquez Singleton led Bay High with 19 points followed by Lorenzo Lewis with 17. Alton Robinson scored 25 points in the win while Anthony Jackson added 12 points.

One of the hottest teams on the Coast, Moss Point, pulled out a win against the Bishop Sullivan Warriors of Louisiana 66-57. Cavin Payton led a trio of double-digit scorers for the Tigers with 20 points. David Booker and Tim McCrory each added 16 points. Kyle

Purgatorio led Bishop Sullivan with 17 points.

St. Stanislaus (12-2, 3-0) defeated the Kaplan Pirates of Louisiana 83-43. The Rocks had five players scoring in double figures. Rob Murray and Mario Faranda each scored 18 points followed by Darius Acker and Ramsay Shawa with 12 points each. Tony Silva rounded out the double-digit scorers with 11 points. Rory Godfrey led Kaplan with 14 points.

In the final game of the day, Gulfport routed the Mt. Olive Pirates 99-46. Prep All-American Henry Salter led the Admirals with 28 points. Carlos Wright scored 20 points in the win followed by Duran Edford with 15. Marcus Bagget led Mt. Olive with 14 and

Anthony Vanish had 13 points.

In earlier basketball action, the Rocks defeated Vancleave on December 19 73-38. Darius Acker scored 17 points followed by Mario Faranda with 14 points. Zack Delaney and Tony Silva each added 11 points as SSC improved to 3-0 in the division.

Also on December 19, the Lady Tigers of Bay High defeated East Central 68-35. Kendra Reed scored 23 points followed by Destiny Porter with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

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Chattanooga man's love for Southern Miss football team inspires donation

BY DAVID TISDALE

One of the most loyal supporters of The University of Southern Mississippi football program never even stepped foot on the university's campus.

But what the late John Austin Dickey of Chattanooga, Tenn., described to family and friends as a "scrappy performance" by the team on a cold, overcast Thanksgiving Day in 1958 against the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga was enough to make him as loyal as the most die-hard graduate.

Dickey, 16, was sitting in the stands that day at Chattanooga's Chamberlain Field, enduring the icy temperatures while watching the then-Mississippi Southern College football team take on the hometown UT-C Moccasins. It was the last game of the season for the "Southerners," who were looking to wrap up an undefeated season against the Mocs.

Looking on with a growing mixture of awe and admiration, Dickey witnessed a dramatic game-saving, four-down goal-line stand in the fourth quarter that preserved MSC's victory, a 20-13 win that earned the school the first of two College Division National championships.

MSC's heroics in denying the Moccasins, comeback left an indelible impression on Dickey.

"He loved that team from the time he saw them," said his sister, Helene Dickey Champlin of Athens, Ga. "He thought they were so gutsy, the way they were just determined they weren't going to let Chattanooga score there in the fourth quarter."

From that day on, Dickey would monitor Southern Miss' athletic successes from afar, watching the Golden Eagles (students adopted a mascot change in the early 1970s) perform on television in both football and basketball, and keeping up with scores of Southern Miss games in newspapers.

Despite his limited contact with Southern Miss, Dickey's devotion to the university's football team, born from attending one football game, inspired him to faithfully set aside money in savings that he planned to will to the university for football scholarships.

"He saved just about everything he ever made to put in for that scholarship," Champlin said. "We (family) always bought him things we knew he wouldn't get for himself, because if you gave him money, you knew it would go into the savings account. It took a lot of sacrifice, but he wanted to do it. I would say he was pretty devoted."

Last year, Dickey passed away at the age of 60, and after nearly half a century of carefully squirreling away every nickel and dime he could spare, his support of Golden Eagles football

will continue in his absence in the form of a gift of more than \$180,000, the combination of savings, bonds and an annuity.

The reticent Dickey, who never married, worked in the shipping division for Cutter Laboratories in Chattanooga. Champlin said her brother didn't own a car, lived in an apartment and didn't use credit cards. "He wouldn't go into debt," she said.

Born Aug. 31, 1942, in San Francisco, Dickey was the son of the late Capt. and Mrs. Ivan N. Dickey. He graduated from Chattanooga High School and attended Austin Peay College. Besides Champlin, Dickey is survived by another sister, Cynthia Dickey Belvin of Chattanooga and a brother, Michael Dickey, also of Chattanooga. Dickey's pastimes included watching sports on television, varying from football to basketball to golf. However, football was always his favorite sport, Champlin said, and the only team whose success he concerned himself with was Southern Miss. "That was the only one he was ever really gung-ho for," she said.

Like most teams in the 1950s, it wasn't unusual for a football player to play on both offense and defense, and such was the case for Richard Johnston, who started at center and line-backer for the Southerners that day in 1958 against Chattanooga. Consequently, Johnston was in on the play in the fourth quarter that led to the infamous fumble, but at line-backer he also helped lead the charge on defense that prevented Chattanooga from cashing in on the miscue.

The faulty exchange on the snap at MSC's one-yard line between Johnston and quarterback George Sekul inspires some good-natured ribbing between the two former teammates to this day.

In his role as a team captain, Johnston was responsible for relaying the defensive signals. "I called for a Gap-8, or goal line defense," he said, and Johnston and his teammates proceeded to stave off the Moccasins.

Ken Shearer, manager for the 1958 team, has documented the history of that season and other Southern Miss football milestones. "We had led the small college poll the whole season, and they (UTC) were in the top 10, ranked sixth, when we played them," he said, also recalling that the Moccasins were led by All-American quarterback John Green, a native of West Point, Miss.

Johnston said he and his teammates and the MSC coaching staff knew UTC, which had earlier in the season stunned in-state rival University of Tennessee with a 14-7 win, would be unresponsive hosts. "We knew they wouldn't be some pushover," he said. "We didn't think (because of being undefeated) we would

be granted a win automatically."

Johnston was overwhelmed upon learning of Dickey's gift to the football program.

"Gee whiz, for a guy to be that much impressed (with our team) and doing something like he did, that's just spectacular," he said.

"As a player on that team, to know that our performance motivated someone to do something like this...is just tremendous. I wish he were alive today so I could personally thank him."

Southern Miss Athletic Director Richard Giannini said Dickey's donation is "an extraordinary gift from an extraordinary individual." He said the scholarships will bear Dickey's name, as well as honor the 1958 team, and be awarded to a football player who "makes an extraordinary contribution to the team."

"It's unfortunate that we never had the opportunity to know him," Giannini said. "We'll be indebted to him for his kindness and donation forever."

Ben Samel, Southern Miss development officer in charge of planned giving, said the gift from Dickey is unique. Samel assisted in handling the donation to the university "Individuals have their own sense of who they're going to leave their money to and how they're going to do it," he said, adding that a large number of people who give to the university are not graduates.

Coached by the legendary Thad "Pie" Vann, MSC was enjoying one its best seasons in school history in 1958. Victories over "major" colleges North Carolina State (26-14), the defending Atlantic Coast Conference champion, and Virginia Tech (41-0) highlighted the campaign.

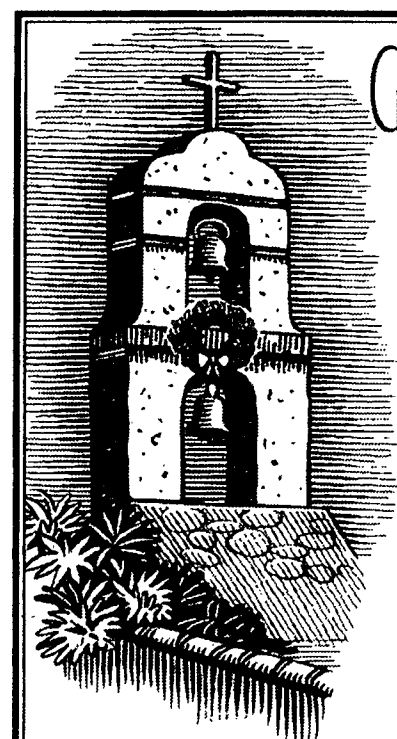
Jimmy Talor, who played both offensive and defensive guard on the 1958 MSC team, has fond recollections of Vann, who was inducted in the College Football Hall of Fame in 1987. Vann served as head coach at the school from 1949-1968. Mississippi Southern football teams were sometimes referred to as "The Vann Men" after their coach.

The team's loyalty to Vann and to the rest of the coaching staff provided them with the motivation to

keep Chattanooga from scoring a game-tying touchdown, Taylor said.

"They (coaches) had faith in us, and we wanted to live up to that," he said. "We were thinking, 'when that ball snaps, we're going to push them (Chattanooga) back, they're not going to come this way.'"

Champlin said she wishes her brother was still around to enjoy the success this year's Southern Miss team had. "He would be thrilled about them being Conference USA champions and going to the Liberty Bowl," she said. "In fact, he'd probably go to the game."



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Ashleigh Torres, right, and Amlra El-Hamaki have been chosen to participate in the Mississippi Elementary Honor Choir. Ashleigh, sixth-grader at Bay-Waveland Middle School, and Amlra, a fifth-grader at Second Street Elementary, were chosen after a vocal audition. The Honor Choir will meet the weekend of Feb. 5-7 in Jackson for two days of rehearsal culminating in a Saturday concert. Only 158 students were chosen state-wide. Ashleigh takes chorus from Sharon Cole, and Amlra takes general music from Diane McCarty.

Rienhart named SSC delegate to Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference

St. Stanislaus College sophomore Brad Reinhart has been selected by the SSC faculty as the school's representative at the 2003-2004 Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership Conference (HOBY) Leadership Conference, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, Principal.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Reinhart of Diamondhead, has attended St. Stanislaus since the seventh grade.

During this time he has participated in the National Junior Honor Society, National Honor Society, Student Council, Math and Science Team, the Key Club, the Rockchaw, the Quiz Bowl, Mississippi Youth Legislature, track, and cross country.

Rienhart has also received the school's Character Award of the Day as well as the monthly Character Award. He has maintained a place on the President's Honor Roll (4.0 GPA) throughout his career at St. Stanislaus.

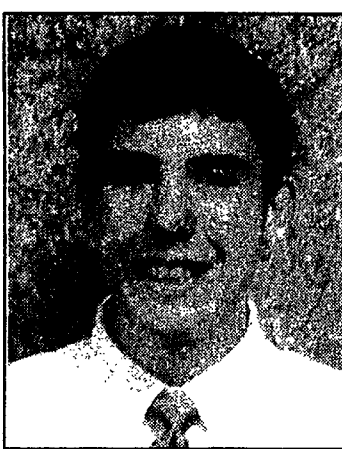
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Ronald Talbot states, "Brad is an outstanding choice as a HOBY representative from St. Stanislaus. He has demonstrated a positive and cheerful disposition, a strong set of values, a willingness to stand up for what is right, a keen sense of responsibility, and a deeply held respect for others."

According to SSC Cross County coach and English teacher Steve Flannery, "He is not only very smart, but he's also incredibly hard working, kind and compassionate towards peers, and always respectful to adults. Despite all his strengths and accomplishments, Brad remains humble, down-to-earth, and eager to help those around him in any way he can. In short, he is the epitome of what we call a St. Stanislaus Man of Character."

Rienhart will attend the Mississippi HOBY Conference June 4 through June 6, 2004, on the campus of Millsaps College in Jackson.

The Hugh O'Brien Foundation was established



BRAD REINHART

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Steve Flannery,
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O Christmas Tree...



Throughout advent the students at St. Clare School decorated a Christmas tree with socks, mittens, booties, toys and other items.

All the items were donated to the Center for Abused Women and Children. In addition, a contest was held to guess the amount of candy in the school's Christmas display.

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Stanislaus hosts caroling in student chapel

Internationally renowned Angelina performs for students

St. Stanislaus College hosted its fifth annual Caroling in the Student Chapel on Wednesday, Dec. 10, on the SSC campus, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

The seasonal event was sponsored by the St. Stanislaus Activities Department and began with a welcome and opening prayer by

Brother Ronald Hingle. Mr. Dan Zwerg, SSC's technology coordinator, served as master of ceremonies.

Internationally renowned artist, Angelina, performed "Ave Maria" and "Mary Did You Know," and also led the Christmas caroling.

The Christmas Pageant, a live re-telling of the Christmas story,

served as the focus for the evening. The players included Holden Bourgeois, Kenny Brown, Paco Chavez, Tony Echevarria, Laura Felter, Patrick Ferguson, Amanda Monti, Heather Nelson, Jordan Rance, Alissa Robinson, Jennifer Roy, and Bryce Sanchez.

Sam Atchison, Stefan Clayton, John Nelson, Andrew Pretzello, Ben Rader, and Josh Schultz read Scriptures.

Mrs. Susan Estrade, assistant principal for

supervision and student activities, closed the program and invited students, parents, and guests who attended to gather in the student mall for hot chocolate and cookies.

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Bay Catholic holds 2nd Annual Saint Nicholas Day

Bay Catholic Elementary hosted its 2nd Annual Saint Nicholas Day Celebration on Thursday evening, Dec. 4, in the school cafeteria.

Over 300 students participated in the event which included a presentation of ornaments by the students, a lighting of the Christmas tree, a Saint Nicholas Shoppe selling Christmas and religious wares and a Sweet Shoppe selling Christmas baked goods.

The annual celebration at the school pays tribute to the Saint who secretly provided offerings to the needy centuries ago. It is believed that the workings of Saint Nicholas later helped create the legend of Santa Claus.

This year's celebration was highlighted by the presentation of ornaments for the Bay Catholic Christmas tree, themed "Name Above All Names."

In preparation of the

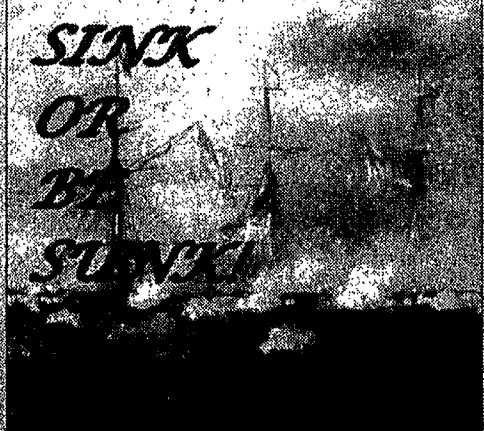
celebration, each student at Bay Catholic painstakingly crafted an ornament that represented one of the names of Jesus Christ as depicted in the Bible.

The students at Bay Catholic have also made ornaments for a similar tree, also themed "Name

Above All Names" at the Bay Saint Louis Public Library.

The Bay Catholic tree, together with a host of other trees decorated by various organizations in the community, were on display at the Hancock County Library.

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SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
TO: THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF CARRIE LEE GINES (DECEASED):
You are summoned to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 23rd day of January, 2004, in the Chancery Courtroom of Hancock County at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint or petition. You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire. ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 26th day of November, 2003.
(SEAL)
CLERK, CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY
By: Linnell Scarborough, D.C.
12/18, 12/25/03; 01/01/04

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HANCOCK
EXECUTRIX'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS
OF GENE FUGATE DECEASED
CAUSE NO. 2003-408
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 9th day of December 2003, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the estate of Gene Fugate, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate and registration according to law within 90 days from this date, or they will be forever barred. This 9th day of December, A.D. 2003.
BARBARA S. SALAZAR, EXECUTRIX
Hass and Haas Attorneys
201 N. Second Street
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
(228) 467-6574
MS BAR NO. 5091
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INVITATION TO BID
The Board of Trustees of the Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District will accept sealed bids until 2:00 p.m., January 20, 2004, to: a. Provide all labor and materials to replace existing and install new lighting instruments; and b. Provide all labor and material to replace the existing work lighting system at Bay High School Auditorium, 750 Blue Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis, MS. Any bids received after the time and date specified will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Please specify on the outside of your envelope "SEALED BID FOR NEW LIGHTING INSTRUMENTS" or "SEALED BID FOR WORK LIGHTING SYSTEM". Bids being submitted by mail should be addressed to: The Bay St. Louis/Waveland School District, 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay Saint Louis, MS 39520.

The specifications for the projects are entitled "Provide Lighting Instruments at Bay High School Auditorium, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi" (20 pages) and "Replace Work Lighting System at Bay High School Auditorium, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi" (12 pages) each dated December 8, 2003. Contract Documents may be examined at the Bay Saint Louis/Waveland School District, 201 Carroll Avenue, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi. An electronic copy of the documents may be obtained at the Bay Saint Louis/Waveland School District or the office of Engineering Lighting & Sound, Inc., 1313 Diamondhead, MS 39525, upon payment of \$25.00, which includes shipping and handling for each CD ROM. Return of the CD ROM is not required, and the amount paid for the CD ROM is not refundable. For information regarding this project, contact Engineering Lighting & Sound's office at 228-255-9008, (Diamondhead, Mississippi).

Each bid must be submitted on the prescribed bid form and accompanied by a certified check or bid bond executed on the prescribed form, payable to Bay Saint Louis/Waveland School District in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid amount. The successful bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bonds for the faithful performance of the contract as prescribed in the Contract Documents. All performance bond, payment bond, and certificates of insurance shall be either executed by or countersigned by a licensed insurance agent of the surety or insurance company having its place of business in the State of Mississippi and in all ways complying with the insurance laws of the State of Mississippi. Each order for work or projects over \$50,000, the successful bidder shall, as applicable, hold or obtain such Contractor's and business licenses as required by state statutes, and the successful bidder shall, as applicable, be a duly licensed and qualified to do business in the State of Mississippi.

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NOTICE TO FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS OF HANCOCK COUNTY AND ADJOINING COUNTIES
Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County Water & Sewer District shall receive bids from financial institutions for the purpose of keeping the District Funds or any part thereof for a period of one year pursuant to Section 27-105-305, Mississippi Code of 1972 and all amendments thereto. Bids are to be delivered to the District office, 1113 Hwy. 90 Bay St. Louis or mailed to P.O. Box 2759 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520 on or before the 2nd day of January 2004. All envelopes MUST be received in the Hancock County Water and Sewer District office before 11:00 a.m. on day of the bid opening. The District Board of Commissioners ("The Owner") reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published by order of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District Board of Commissioners. This the 12th day of December 2003.
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American Red Cross offers holiday safety tips

"The American Red Cross is synonymous with keeping families safe,"

said Oscar Barnes, executive director of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter. "This should be a joyous time of year but statistics show it can also be a dangerous one. Nearly 500 deadly home fires happen each December as a result of Christmas trees catching fire. Many of these fires and deaths can be prevented by taking a few simple precautions."

According to the National Fire Protection Association, four out of seven home fires occur during December, January and February, and about half of these fires are caused by using candles and overloading electrical circuits. As families turn to alternative heating sources out of necessity or to avoid the rising cost of oil and gas, there is an increased risk of accidental fires in the home.

Bertina Burge, the Emergency Services director for the Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter, says candle safety alone would help prevent thousands of injuries each year.

"Taking precautions such as keeping candles away from Christmas trees, never leaving children unattended in a room with lit candles and always keeping candles, as well as matches and lighters, out of the reach of children, could prevent thousands of injuries and numerous deaths," she said. The American Red Cross recommends the following safety tips for a joyous holiday season:

• Keep Christmas trees

fresh - Place your tree away from heat sources and exits; water it daily. Make sure your artificial tree is fire-retardant.

• Decorate only with flame-retardant or non-combustible materials - Avoid using candles during parties. Check ashtrays, upholstery and trash cans for smoldering cigarette butts after any holiday party.

• Inspect fireplaces and wood stoves - Have your

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chimney connections and flues inspected by a professional and cleaned if necessary prior to the start of the heating season. Burn only wood-never burn paper, including discarded gift wrap, or pine boughs. If you plan to hang stockings on your fireplace, do not use the fireplace for fires.

• Get your furry friends a special gift - Pet First Aid, developed by the Red Cross and the Humane Society of the United States, is an important guide to help people prevent, prepare for and

respond to the emergency needs of their pets. Contact your local American Red Cross to purchase a copy, or ask for Pet First Aid at your local bookstore.

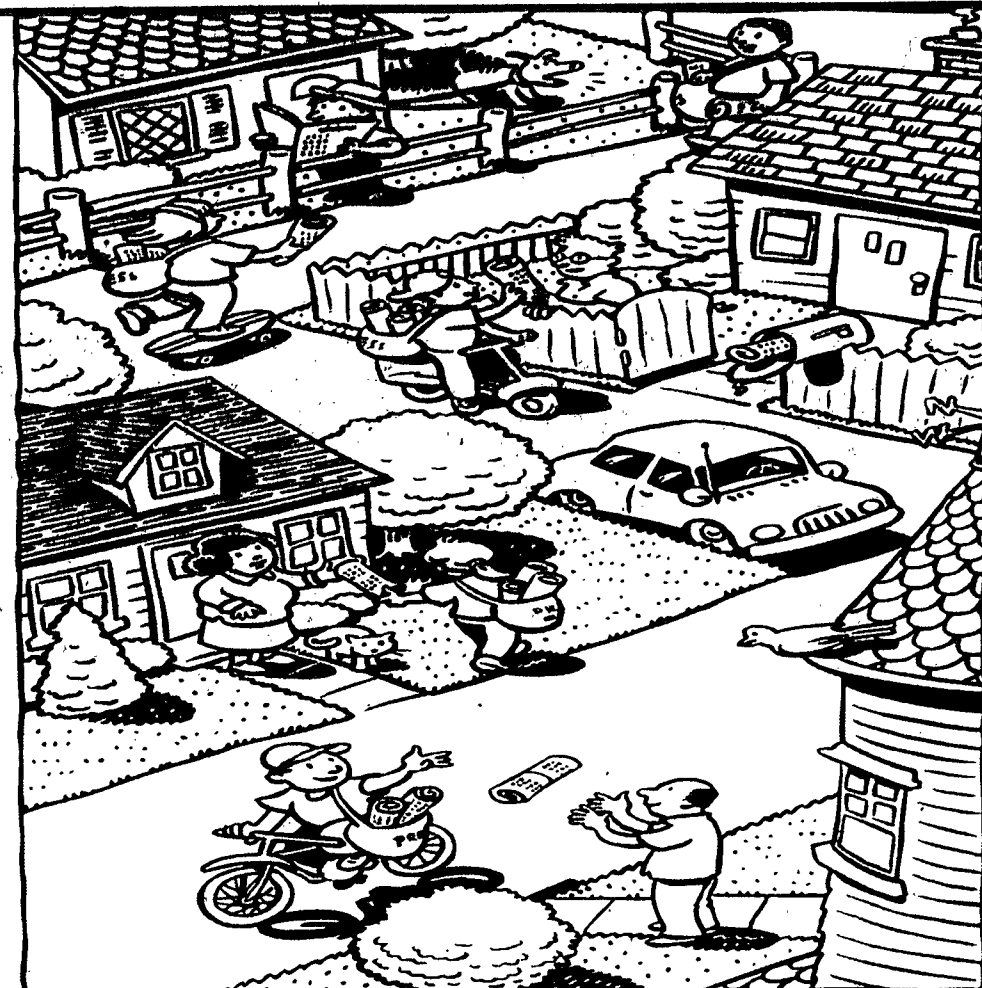
• Enroll in a First Aid, CPR and AED Course - Although these tips can help prevent an emergency, it is also important to be prepared should an emergency situation arise. To enroll in a first aid, CPR or AED course, contact your local American Red Cross.

Governed by volunteers and supported by community donations, the American Red Cross is a nationwide network of nearly 1,000 chapters and Blood Services regions dedicated to saving lives and helping people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Led by 1.2 million volunteers and 30,000 employees, the Red Cross annually mobilizes relief to families affected by more than 67,000 disasters, trains almost 12 million people in lifesaving skills and exchanges more than a million emergency messages for U.S. military service personnel and their families.

The Red Cross is the largest supplier of blood and blood products to more than 3,000 hospitals across the nation and also assists victims of international disasters and conflicts at locations worldwide.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter serves Harrison, Hancock, and Pearl River Counties. They are located at 2782 Fernwood Road in Biloxi. The phone number is 228-896-4511. The Southeast Ms Chapter serves Jackson and George Counties and is located at 1096 Jackson St. in Pascagoula. The phone number is 228-762-2455.



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Calendar Art Contest

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced the winners of the "Preserving and Enjoying Mississippi's Coastal Resources" 2004 Marine Information Calendar art contest.

In an effort to generate an interest in and promote the awareness of the value of our coastal resources, the DMR held an art contest for high school students in Hancock, Harrison

Entertainment



The Neville Brothers to appear at Casino Magic

The Neville Brothers will bring their unique style of music to the stage at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Friday and Saturday, Dec. 26-27, at 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$19.95, \$24.95 and \$29.95 and are available at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or at any Ticketmaster location.

With four powerfully unique personalities, the Neville Brothers thrive on an explosive fusion of diversity and unity. The collective of talented brothers is world-famous for its embodiment of the New Orleans sound. Aaron, Art, Charles and Cyril Neville have expanded the horizons of New Orleans R&B while honoring the music's roots and tradition.

Drawing on the vast resources and multiple styles of African-American music, The Neville Brothers have combined R&B, jazz, reggae, and elements of rock and Zydeco with a harmony-based funk groove all their own.

The careers of Art and Aaron Neville began in the

early 50s around the street corners, on the porches and at house parties in the notorious Calliope Projects. Energetic, but with little else to do, it was only natural for them to pick up the rhythms and moods of the city they were so much a part of. Aaron is perhaps the best known of the brothers.

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His hits include "Tell It Like It Is" in 1966 and his duets in the 80's with Linda Ronstadt on "All My Life" and "Don't Know Much." Art first came to note well before Elvis, having recorded "Mardi Gras Mambo" with the Hawkettes in 1954. "Mardi Gras Mambo" con-

tinues to get heavy airplay and respectable sales during the local Mardi Gras festivities.

After the four put together careers separately and not having played together for eight years, the brothers united to help record the universally acclaimed "The Wild Tchoupitoulas" a year after their mother's death in 1975.

They credit their uncle with getting them to join forces. "He told us that our mother and father had always wanted to see us work together as a band," Charles recalls. "He knew that if we got together as a family, it would happen." The brothers became a best-loved local attraction and in 1988, they won a Grammy with "Yellow Moon." Then in the 1990s, "Brother's Keeper" cemented their star status.

They have sold millions of record worldwide and have gold and platinum records in six different countries. They have been the featured television performers on "Good Morning America," "Today," "Oprah," "Saturday Night Live," "Letterman" and "The Tonight Show."

'Chairish' fund-raiser continues at Bay Theatre

Bay St. Louis Theatre members are urging the community to "purchase" chairs in the historic building on Boardman Avenue as part of its "Chairish Your Theater" fund-raiser.

"Buy a seat in honor or memory of someone special," said Claire Haun, a board member. "Your chair will be identified by an elegant brass name plaque."

Purchasing a chair, which costs \$150, is the first of several fund-raisers for the theater.

Other fund-raisers include CPR instruction for Heart Month in February

and a silent auction where the community may bid on some of the theater's original chairs, which will be decorated by local artists. These chairs will be replaced by new seats the theater recently claimed.

In order to receive a grant of \$60,000 from the Mississippi Arts Commission, theater members must raise \$40,000 in matching funds through these fund-raisers.

To purchase a seat in the theater or for more details, contact Claire Haun at 228-463-9793 or Sandy Reese at 228-466-2728.

New Year's event set at Lynn Meadows Center

Ring in the New Year at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center on Wednesday, Dec. 31, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The 2004 Family Fun Galore New Year's Eve Celebration features fantastic fun, flavorful food, a funny favor and a fabulous foto! Create a party crown and add a little something

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